Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra alongwith the number of Courts yet to be set up;

(b) the number of cases disposed of so far in these States by these Courts; and

(c) the number of cases which are pending in the above States alongwith the number of under-trials acquitted so far?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) The number of Fast Track Courts set up in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra are 85, 31 and 131 respectively. Requisite number of Courts have been set up in the States of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh and 84 Fast Track Courts are yet to be set up in Maharashtra.

(b) The number of cases disposed of so far by these Courts are:

Madhya Pradesh - 4123: Chhattisgarh - 978: Maharashtra - 18393

(c) The number of cases pending in the Fast Track Courts in the above States are:

Madhya Pradesh - 7967: Chhattisgarh - 229: Maharashtra - 16321

The information regarding the number of under-trials acquitted by these Courts is not maintained in the Department.

Law Commission on mode of executing death sentence

1181. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has recommended that the mode of executing death sentence should be changed from hanging to administration of lethal injection;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) whether various experts in the field including Bar Councils and leading practising lawyers will be consulted before taking a final decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (d) The Law Commission has informed that it has recently taken up

the study of the method of execution of death sentence. The study is still in progress. As and when consultation paper is finalised, it will be circulated to all concerned, Bar Councils, leading lawyers for inviting their views on it.

Advisory Body on use of modern technology in judicial system

1182. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Advisory Body has been constituted to develop a national vision and strategy to effectively use modern technology to enhance the judicial system in the country; and

(b) if so, the terms of reference of the said Body?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes, Sir. The Department of Information Technology has constituted an Advisory Body with the approval of the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India and Hon'ble Minister of Communications & Information Technology.

(b) The Terms of Reference of the Advisory Body are as follows:-

1. To consider the expectations of the various stakeholders including judges, litigants, lawyers, the Government, the law enforcement machinery, court employees, media, the public and other concerned parties from the judicial system of the country and to examine the manner in which modern Information and Communication Technologies could help to achieve them.

2. To suggest the overall vision for the use of Information and Communication Technology in courts across the country having regard to the above expectations of the various stakeholders in terms of convenience, transparency, ease of access, reliability and speed. The vision would take into account both global best practices and Indian conditions and needs.

3. To identify specific goals in relation to the overall vision that can be achieved within the short and medium term (*i.e.*, 2-4 years).

4. To determine the broad criteria for evaluation and monitoring the